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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA ON FIRE

FLAMES BREAK OUT AND ENTIRE TOWN BURNING

No Hope of Saving Any Part of Business Section
of City—Flames Eating Their Way Through
Block After Block Unchecked.

LOSS IS AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS

CITIZENS FIGHT HEROICLY ALL DAY TO SAVE FOOD SUPPLY OF
TOWN—DETAILS ARE MEAGER—FIRE STILL REPORTED TO BE
BURNING—CITIZENS ALREADY ARE PREPARING
TO REBUILD THEIR TOWN.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 22.—Fire has broken out here and is threatening the town with destruction. The Washington-Alaska bank is burned. The flames have crossed First and Second avenues and are rushing up Cushman street at great speed. The National bank is doomed. Nothing can save the town.

BUSINESS SECTION GONE.

Entire Business Section Goes and Danger is Feared of Food Famine.

SEATTLE, May 23 (Special, 2:40 a. m.)—A special to the Post-Intelligencer tonight states that the entire business section of the town of Fairbanks, Alaska, is destroyed by fire which started in the Fairbanks building, a three stories frame structure, this afternoon. Details of the disaster are very meager, but it is feared the food supply for the town has been destroyed.

GREEKS BURN VILLAGE.

SALONICA, May 22.—A band of 100 Greeks today began burning the Bulgarian village of Starchina. When six houses had burned the Turkish troops appeared and killed seventeen Greeks. The remainder fled with the Turks in hot pursuit.

NO SUNDAY CLOSING.

SEATTLE, May 22.—Mayor Moore has announced he will not close the saloons on Sundays, and says he has more important work for the police and that he can not afford to allow the department to devote its time to Sunday closing.

SMOKE WAGONS COLLIDE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, May 22.—Five persons were injured by a collision of two automobiles west of this city tonight, one of the machines being thrown down a ten-foot embankment.

POLITICAL AMNESTY TO BE GRANTED BY CZAR MAY 27

ST. PETERSBURG, May 22.—The long awaited political amnesty will, the Associated Press learns from a government source, be proclaimed on May 27, the anniversary of the coronation of Emperor Nicholas the II. The exact scope of the measure is not yet determined. It will, it is anticipated, be limited, but the Associated Press is in a position to state that the constitutional

democratic party is prepared, though grudgingly, to accept the act of grace from which the terrorists are excluded, recognizing, though not publicly, that the government is not altogether unjustified in refusing to set at large, men who would be as ready in the future as they have been in the past, to shoot down or blow to pieces the hated representatives of authority.

MUST ASK JAPAN.

LONDON, May 22.—The Tokio correspondent of the News-Telegraph says that consequent to the petty dispute over the reception to Jacob Schieff, the American banker, the Japanese government has issued a regulation forbidding the Korean Imperial household from entertaining foreign guests without permission of the Japanese resident general.

OFFICERS ANNOUNCED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 22.—The announcement was made today that the following will probably be the officers of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers for the ensuing term: Grand Chief Engineer, W. S. Stone; Assistant Grand Chief Engineers, E. W. Hurley, P. M. Cagle and F. A. Burgess.

THREE TURKS ARRESTED.

BATUM, May 22.—Three Turks were arrested today at Medzianki on suspicion of being the murderers of W. H. Stuart, the American vice-consul. The men are not known in the vicinity, but it is conjectured that they may have been brought from some other village to commit the murder.

ELDER IS FLOATED AUTO HITS TRAIN

Well Known Ship Pulled of Rocks Near Rainier.

WAS ABANDONED BY OWNERS

Big Coast Liner Which Went on the Rocks in January, 1905, is Successfully Floated After Many Failures.

PORTLAND, May 22.—A dispatch from Rainier, Oregon, states that the Portland and San Francisco liner Elder which foundered in the Columbia River near Rainier on January 21, 1905, was successfully raised tonight.

The Elder left Portland heavily laden with passengers and freight en route to San Francisco. The night was thick and about 11 o'clock ran on the rock from which she was removed today. This rock sloped slightly toward the Elder, but had a sharp pinnacle on the far side. The craft overrode this and wore about one-third her length when she settled down, the pinnacle of the rock puncturing her to the height of about seven feet. Several attempts were made by the Portland and San Francisco Company to float the vessel by lightering, but each effort was a failure through inability to raise her high enough to clear the pinnacle. Her owners finally turned her over to the underwriters, who also declared it impossible to save her, and who sold her to J. H. Peterson, her present owner.

Word from Rainier yesterday afternoon stated that determined to wait no longer for a favorable wind, Captain H. W. Baker decided to make another attempt to raise the steamer Geo. W. Elder. By long distance telephone he made arrangements for the tugs Harvest Queen, Ocklahama and M. F. Henderson to be at the scene of the wreck at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when pumping operations were started. The tug Resolute went to Goble Tuesday night where she delivered a small part of the equipment which was used on the Elder yesterday. She brought back word that in the event the attempt of raising the Elder was successful, Captain Baker has decided to have her towed to Hunter's Point, the site of the old Northern Pacific ferry slip, where she would be moored

until she could be given a thorough examination. That is only about a mile distant from the rocks on which she was lodged. There are no rocks at that point and no current, and it is said to be an ideal place for anchoring the steamer. If it is later ascertained that she is in shape for making the trip, the Elder will be brought to St. Johns and placed on the drydock.

MATTUCCI COMPELLED TO FLEE.

NAPLES, May 22.—That which the awful eruption of Mount Vesuvius could not accomplish, torrents of mud resulting from the floods of the last few days, have brought about. The mud had so surrounded the Royal Observatory and obstructed ingress and egress that Director Mattucci and his assistants and the carabinieri under him have been compelled to flee to Naples.

DEAD BODY FOUND.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—The remains of a man supposed to be H. K. Shaw, a mining promoter were found this morning under the Mission street wharf weighted down with eighty pounds of scrap iron. The morgue officials are in doubt as to whether it is a case of suicide or murder.

ELDER IS FLOATED AUTO HITS TRAIN

Two Occupants Are Literally Ground to Pieces.

AUTO DRAGGED HALF MILE

While Running Forty Miles an Hour Big Touring Car Strikes Express Train With Terrible Results—Machine Slid.

WESTBURY, L. I., May 22.—While running forty miles an hour the big touring automobile owned by P. F. Collier dashed into an east-bound express train at a depot crossing here tonight. The two occupants of the machine, Geo. Gabriel, the chauffeur and Fred Whitehead, the valet of Collier were instantly killed and the machine wrecked. The car was on their way to the Meadowbrook Club.

It is impossible to see a train at the crossing until it is almost reached, and it has gained the name of "death crossing" because of a number of accidents. Twenty yards from the crossing the chauffeur threw the brakes, but the momentum carried the machine at undiminished speed. The machine crashed into the second car with a loud explosion as if the gasoline tank had exploded. The automobile caught between the rear trucks of the car and was dragged nearly half a mile before the train stopped. The occupants were pinned in the wreckage and carried along by the train. The men were literally ground to pieces.

MORALES AFTER

HIS FORMER JOB

Serenely Bobs Up Again in Determined Effort to Expel Caceres.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Disquieting advice relative to revolutionary movements in Santo Domingo led to a conference today between officials of the State and Navy Departments. Details of these movements are vague and are difficult of access, but it is gathered that in substance they indicate that ex-President Morales, who for some time had disappeared from the scene of activity, is now at or near St. Thomas, and is making a determined effort to expel Caceres and regain the Presidency of Santo Domingo.

PRESBYTERIAN BOOK OF PRAYER IS DENOUNCED

In the Presbyterian General Assembly at Des Moines
Rev. Dr. Johnstone of Montreal, Declares that
the Book "Smells of Priestcraft".

INJUNCTION PREVENTING UNION NOT GRANTED

IN LEGAL CONTEST INSTITUTED TO PREVENT UNION OF CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUDGE REFUSES TO GRANT INJUNCTION PRAYED FOR BY OPPOSITION.

DECATUR, May 22.—The legal contest instituted to prevent a union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church has been decided in favor of the Unionists. Judge John tonight made public his decision in which he refused to grant the injunction prayed for by the anti-Unionists and dismissed the bill of error.

DES MOINES, May 22.—The much talked of debate upon the adoption of the book of forms and services recommended by the special committee of the Presbyterian general assembly materialized late today. No conclusion was reached, and further discussion will be made a special order at a late session. Not in many years has the assembly been so stirred as it was today over this issue and the most intense feeling was shown during the debate. Dr. Johnstone of Montreal waved a copy of the Book of the Air as he spoke and declared that "it smells of priestcraft."

Ministers Forget Dignity. The request had been made by the moderator that all applause be discontinued, but when Dr. Johnston stretching himself to his full six feet four inches, and waving his hand frantically declared that the book smelled of priestcraft, the applause came out in a tremendous roar.

Among the speeches against the book was one made by Rev. Dr. Galloway of Oregon.

Today's session of the assembly was devoted largely to home missions. The report of the home missions board was adopted. The assembly gave a vote of endorsement to the Platt bill in the United States Senate for the suppression of polygamy.

The home mission board's report is as follows:

Home Missions Report. The board of home missions for the Presbyterian church closed April 1, with all obligations met and \$2,411 in the treasury.

In addition to new work in the field they expended \$40,840 for new churches and school buildings in Porto Rico, Cuba and the west. The mortgage indebtedness of the Home and Foreign boards on the Presbyterian building in New York City has been concluded.

The new department of church and labor has been in operation for three years. Notable success has been achieved in bringing church and labor into closer relation. The board has accomplished much with the problem of bringing the gospel to fourteen millions of foreigners who have reached our shores.

Progress in Porto Rico. The board reports the past year in Porto Rico, one of progress. In January they sent the Rev. J. J. Kilpinfletcher to the canal zone to report on the moral condition and the need of opportunity for mission work. He reported a mission field of pathetic urgency. He found the total population to be about 3,000 and constantly increasing; the colored population to be about 15,000 also constantly increasing. One half of these are English speaking negroes. The only protestant churches there are Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist. The board reports great need for enlargement of work in Alaska. Receipts of the board for the year ending March 31, 1906, were \$911,793.73, an increase over the previous year of \$44,777.02. The demands for increased work calls for larger contributions during the coming year.

At the evening session tremendous applause greeted the announcement of the dissolution of the injunction against the union with the Cumberland Presbyterians.

Only Prohibitionists for Office. DECATUR, Ill., May 22.—The Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly today, among other things, voted that no person who favors a licensed saloon should be supported for public office.

STUDENTS SUSPENDED FOR DUCKING MAN IN POND

ANDOVER, Mass., May 22.—Between fifteen and twenty boys, students at Phillips-Andover Academy, will be barred from school, it was announced today, because of their participation on Friday night in a scheme, which resulted in John M. Stewart, the proprietor of Phillips Inn, being roughly handled and thrown into a pond. This

action was taken because the boys believed Stewart had reported one of their number to the school faculty for violating the school regulations. Over 100 students were in the crowd which marched to the Inn, but according to Principal Stearns, only fifteen or twenty actually handled Stewart, and were involved in the mix up later, when he was thrown into the pond.